

# IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 28th July 2019

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## Contest News

Results of VHF/UHF Field Day, held earlier this month, have now been published, the Contest Results page [www.irts.ie/results](http://www.irts.ie/results) has all the details.

The next IRTS contest is SSB Field Day, which takes place over the weekend of 7th & 8th September.

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## South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The July meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on Monday the 29th of July 2019 in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford at 8.00 p.m. sharp.

At this meeting Keith EI5KJ will be doing a talk about the little "pocket" type scopes known as Digital Storage Oscilloscopes. He'll be explaining what they are, the basics of how to read them (and use them) and how they can be of benefit when building or fault-finding radio equipment. The talk may not be of interest to everyone, but it should be found informative and a little humorous for most members. The group asks all members to please attend, and as always new members are very welcome to attend also.

For anyone that wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and their activities you can drop them an email to "southeasternarg /at/ gmail /dot/ com" or attend any of their meetings. You can check out their website [www.searg.ie](http://www.searg.ie) and you can also join them on Facebook and follow them on Twitter.

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## ISS SSTV

This week will be an interesting one for Slow Scan Television enthusiasts. There are plans to transmit images from the International Space Station on the following days.

Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th of July. Thursday 1st, Friday 2nd and Sunday 4th of August.

It is anticipated that PD-120 will be used on 145.800 MHz for these transmissions.

Please note that these events are dependent on other activities, schedules and crew responsibilities onboard the ISS, thus they are subject to change at any time. Updates regarding this planned operations can be obtained from the ISS Ham twitter account or from the AMSAT UK website.

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## **144 – 146 MHz Band Threat**

Reminder: Allocations of the radio spectrum are agreed at World Radiocommunication Conferences which are held every four years. Members will be aware that, ahead of the next conference, a proposal has been floated by the French administration to extend existing aeronautical mobile service allocations in Region 1 to a number of additional frequency bands, including the 144 – 146 MHz band currently allocated exclusively to the amateur service. If accepted, this proposal would have very serious consequences for radio amateurs, given the importance of the 2 metre band for a variety of applications. The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) and its member societies, including IRTS, will be vigorously resisting this proposal. See [www.irts.ie/144mhz](http://www.irts.ie/144mhz) for the full background to the work being done by IRTS and IARU on this development.

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## **DX News**

Following on from several days activity as R63RRC from Popigay-Ary Island (IOTA AS-063) members of the Russian Robinson Club plan to travel on to Bolshoy Begichev Island (IOTA AS-152) where they will sign RQ73QQ around 1st – 3rd August.

A team of American operators will activate St Paul Island off the coast of Nova Scotia, Canada from 31st July – 8th August. St Paul Island is a separate entity for the DXCC Award and the callsign to be used is CY9C. Activity will be on all bands CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

Sugi JI3KDH will be in the Maldives from 31st July – 7th August. He will sign 8Q7SU on 20 – 10m on CW. QSL via LoTW.

Rick AI5P is at present in Tahiti signing FO/AI5P. His next stop is Lord Howe Island where he will be QRV as VK9APX from 1st – 10th August. Look for him on 40 – 17m on CW and FT8. QSLs go via the home call.

To mark 55 years since Radio Caroline started broadcasting in 1964 the special event station GB55RC will be active from 1st – 5th August. The station will be on board the MV Ross Revenge, the modern day home of Radio Caroline, which is moored in the

Blackwater Estuary near Bradwell-on-Sea in Essex. QSL manager is G6NHU.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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